

Capt. Winters Feted at Dinner By Department

The Torrance Fire Department Association honored retired Capt. J. R. "Roy" Winters, 26 year veteran of the department, with a dinner Friday night, May 18, at the Fire Department.

Winters, who retired from the department May 1, was presented with a gold retirement badge by the association.

Also at the dinner was the City Council and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Winters hold the longest record of service of the Torrance Fire Department and was the first department engineer under Civil Service regulations.

Dr. Needles of Torrance Found Dead in Office

Dr. John W. Needles, 40, physician and surgeon, of 332 Calle Mayor, Hollywood Riviera, was found dead Saturday slumped over his desk in his Redondo Beach office. He apparently was a victim of a heart attack.

Dr. Needles had delivered a baby in Hawthorne Hospital Friday night and was believed to have died while recording the birth. He was found at 8 a.m. Saturday by Dr. Charles E. Keller, dentist, who saw lights in the office and investigated.

Dr. Needles was a graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine and served with the Coast Guard during World War II as a medical officer. He was vice-president of the Redondo-Optimists Club.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Lillian Needles; a son John, 13, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Needles of Glendale.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 22 in the chapel of McCormick's Colonial Mortuary, Manhattan Beach. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Adult Festival And Concert Here May 31

An evening of entertainment is promised by the Torrance Adult Education Department when it presents the Third Annual Arts and Crafts Festival with the Torrance Concert Orchestra 8:15 p.m. Thursday evening, May 31 at the Torrance High School.

The Torrance Concert Orchestra, under the direction of Abe Milstein, will present "Songs to Remember," a review of many of the best-known songs of the world has loved featuring the 40-piece orchestra and nine outstanding vocal soloists.

Milstein promised that the roster of soloists needed no introduction to Torrance residents. The list includes: Nadine Nickol, Lloyd Jones, Barbara Stiers, George Zavislan, Elaine Rehwoldt, Rochelle Scot, and Wesley Smith.

A community sing to be conducted, will include George M. Cohan's immortal "You're a Grand Old Flag."

The public is urged to be in their seats by 8:15 p.m. so that they may hear the currently popular selections from the "Student Prince." There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

The program for the concert is as follows: Student Prince Selections; "Danny Boy," sung by George Zavislan, baritone; "Indian Love Call," played by Dale Wickstrom, trumpet; "Maid of Cadiz," sung by Elaine Rehwoldt, soprano; "The Bells of St. Mary's," orchestra and audience; "None But the Lonely Heart," Nadine Nickol, soprano; "Songs My Mother Taught Me," Nadine Nickol, soprano; "Love Me Tonight," a duet by Rochelle Scot and Wesley Smith; "Stardust," "Maytime," selections, a duet by Barbara Stiers and Lloyd Jones; Evolution of "Dixie," and "You're a Grand Old Flag," orchestra and audience.

Patio Luncheon

Mrs. A. C. Turner, president of the Torrance P. T. A. Council, was hostess to members of her executive board on Tuesday, May 8th at her home on Acacia avenue, when she served a lovely patio luncheon.

Local 'Ham' Station is Link for Loved Ones

Helping to span the long miles between loved ones overseas to those in the States with his short-wave radio set, is Carl Yeaman, of the C. Yeaman Auto Top and Seat Cover Shop, 1312 Cabrillo Avenue. Yeaman, who resides with his wife, Nettie, at 1525 219th street, has reached the 7000 miles to Tokyo with his short wave set many times.

Spending his spare evening hours at his home-built set, evaluated at about \$6000, Yeaman has been the connecting link countless times between parents or wives anywhere in the United States and their loved ones in Japan.

A hobby with him, he said that the happiness he brings to others is more than enough reward for his efforts.

Yeaman, who has operated his "ham" station, W6MKF for about 20 years, relates instances where he has, by way of a telephone relay patch, made possible conversation from a man in Japan to his wife in New York, Palm Springs or anywhere in the United States.

By means of his own and other short-wave "ham" stations in the Pacific, servicemen abroad have been able to hear the voices of their wives and parents, spanning a more than 10,000 mile distance. Yeaman said that someone at a "ham" station in the Pacific would often ask him to contact their relatives for a pre-arranged conversation. If it's not possible for the person being contacted to be at the station, Yeaman relays the conversation, no matter in what part of the United States, by way of a telephone patch.

Yeaman also has an antenna on his automobile by means of which he has reached Tokyo. Traversing the globe by means of his hobby, Yeaman has conversed and written to people in almost all countries of the world.

A few of the places he's contacted with his set include Scotland, the Philippines, South Africa, Australia, South America, New Zealand, Okinawa, French

Morocco, Sweden, Greenland, England, France, Alaska, Japan and China.

Yeaman spends much of his spare hours at his elaborate shortwave equipment. He said

that the contacts with people from all over the world, their ideas and their acquaintances is an experience derived from his hobby which can never be replaced.

A Case of a Mistaken R. E. Pixley

It wasn't a "pixey" but a Pixley which threw a cog in wheel when Mr. and Mrs. George Pixley, 272 East 214th street put in a telephone call to a hospital in Japan to talk to their son, R. E. Pixley, recently reported wounded in Korea.

The Pixleys asked to speak to R. E. Pixley at the hospital, and getting him on the line, held about a four minute conversation with him when Mrs. Pixley said, "I'll let Barbara talk to you."

The Pixley on the other end knew no Barbara and it was soon discovered that he was not Mrs. Pixley's son, but R. E. Pixley from New Hampshire. Two R. E. Pixleys were in the same hospital.

The R. E. Pixley from Torrance was located on another floor of the hospital and was soon called to the phone to speak to his mother.

Kidnaper Being Sought by Police

Torrance police are still searching for a young man who apparently kidnaped a 20-year-old woman here after sending her escort into a store late Thursday, May 27.

Mary Rouland of Hollywood told Hermosa Beach police that the man, known only as "Jimmy," drove away in his car with her after leaving her friend, Joseph Butler, 27, of Hollywood, near Hawthorne boulevard and Redondo Beach boulevard.

She said he drove her to a location near Hermosa Beach and tried to attack her, she related, but she tore free of his grasp and escaped.

Miss Rouland and Butler had accepted a ride from "Jimmy" earlier in the evening, according to sheriff's deputies. The motor-

ist sent Butler into the store to make a purchase, he said. The car in which the woman was dozing when he left, was gone when he emerged several minutes later.

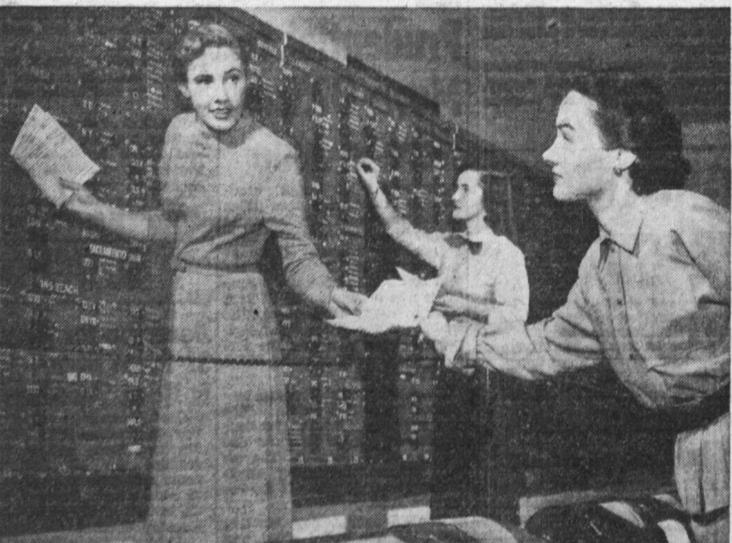
Hollywood Riviera Club Activities

With a week full of events at the Hollywood Riviera Club, the Las Vecinas luncheon there on May 24 is one of the highlights.

Also scheduled for Saturday, May 26, at the club is a dance planned for a group of friends by Mrs. Elena Burke. A Cocktail and Buffet party for a few personal friends is planned on the same date by Gene Dickson.

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